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Land Grant Application- Town, Joseph (Alfred)

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Kennebunk

Elias Stevens

Quarantine
application for money under
Kennebunk 24. 1836

Rec^d Feb^y 2. 1837

continued for further
Examination

Admitted

Feb^y 6. 1837

Admitted & certificate

No 206 issued

Rec^d the above
certificate Tobias Walker.

E. E. Bowen

Mr. Town

for 20.

State of Maine

York, ss...In Probate Office *January 27th* A. D. 1837.

I HEREBY certify that, at a Court of Probate holden at *Alfred*
within and for the county of York on the *five* day of *September*,
in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and *thirty-four*,

Elias Stevens of Kennebunk, in the county
of York, gentleman,

was duly appointed *guardian of Joseph Fournie,*
of Kennebunk aforesaid, a person non
compos mentis,

and gave Bond to the acceptance of the Judge of said Court for the faithful performance of said trust, according to Law.

I do further certify, that it appears by the records and files in said office, that said appointment remains in full force in no wise revoked, reversed or annulled.

Given under the seal of said Court.

Am. Butler Allen }

Register of Probate for said County.

Elias Stevens of Kennebunk Guardian of
 Joseph Towne - of Kennebunk in the County of
 York and State of Maine, aged ~~seventy four~~ ^{seventy} years, do, upon oath, declare in
 order to obtain the benefit of a "Resolve" of the Legislature of Maine, passed March 17, 1835, entitled a "Resolve
 in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers and Sol-
 diers," ~~that he is entitled~~ ^{in the Massachusetts line} or the Resolve in addition to the same passed
 March 24th 1836, that said Joseph Towne enlisted
 in the service of the United States, in the year 1781
 for the term of three years, and continued in the
 service until the close of the war when he was hon-
 orably discharged - I have no personal knowledge of
 his said service or of his several offices - He is now in
 Maine - and this declaration is only made from his own
 statements, while he was of sane mind and from other
 sources -
 I do further on oath declare that at the time of ^{his} said enlistment, ~~he was an inhabitant of~~ ^{he} according to decla-
 rations in my possession, he was an inhabitant of Bowdoin
 in this state - that he enlisted in Capt Bunkers company in
 Col Jackson's Regiment - ~~that he~~ ^{he} is
 and was on the 17th day of March, 1835, has been ever since, and ^{he} now an inhabitant of the State of Maine, re-
 siding in Kennebunk aforesaid, where ~~he~~ ^{he} resided for ^{forty} years past.
 That neither ~~he~~ ^{he} nor any one claiming under ~~he~~ ^{he} has ever received a grant of Land, or money in lieu thereof from
 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for ~~he~~ ^{he} said service, or any other service during the Revolutionary War, and
 that ~~he~~ ^{he} is justly entitled to the benefit of said Resolve.

Elias Stevens

STATE OF MAINE.

York ss. Subscribed and sworn to this ~~twenty fifth~~ ^{twentieth} day of January 1837
 BEFORE ME,
 Edward E. Bourne Justice of the Peace.

KNOW all Men by these Presents, That I

Elias Stevens Guardian of said Joseph Towne in the County of York and
 State of Maine, being the same person by whom the preceding declaration was made, do hereby constitute and appoint
 Jobes Walker of Kennebunk my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my
 name, to receive from the Land Agent of the State of Maine, such certificate as he may issue to me, in virtue of a re-
 solve of the said State, passed March 17, 1835, entitled a "Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the
 Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers," to the benefit of which Resolve ~~he~~ ^{he} is
 is entitled. And my said Attorney is hereby authorized and empowered upon the receipt of said certificate, for me in my
 name, to execute such receipt or acknowledgment therefor, as I might, were I personally present.

HEREBY ratifying and confirming whatever my Attorney shall do by virtue hereof, Witness my hand and seal this
 twentieth day of January A. D. 1837

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
 IN PRESENCE OF

E. E. Bourne

Elias Stevens

STATE OF MAINE.

York ss.
 Be it known, that on this twentieth day of January 1837,
 before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said County, personally appeared Elias Stevens
 above named, and acknowledged the foregoing Power of Attorney by him signed, to be his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name the day and year last above mentioned.

Edward E. Bourne Justice of the Peace.

Land Agent
Augusta
Me

Kennebunt Jan. 2^d 1837

Sir

I was not aware untill recently of the resolve allowing 50 dollars to those who enlisted for 3 years, but were sooner honourably discharged

Joseph Towne, referred to in the letter on the other side of this sheet, is an insane man - I wrote to the Commissioners to ascertain the extent of his service - what it was, will be seen by his letter -

Of course he can make no application himself - He receives his pension by guardian - The fact of his service appearing by the rolls at Westport, is any thing now necessary then an order for the money by the guardian? Will you give me the necessary information

Respectfully

Your O^bd Serv^t

E. E. Bourne

Answered Jan. 9. 1837.

War Department
Pension Office,
January 23^d 1836.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 15th instant, I have to inform you that Joseph Town enlisted for three years, and not for the war, although he served to the end of it. He entered the army in February 1782, and was discharged on the 30th June 1784.

The rule which at present exists concerning proof of guardianship cannot be altered.

I am respectfully,

Your Obedt Serv^t.

J L. Edwards

E. E. Bourne, Esq
Kennebunk,
Maine.